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[HOUSE BILL No. 9.]

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 3, 1864.—Read first and second times, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

[By Mr. PERKINS.]

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## A BILL

To organize a corps of scouts and signal guards, to facilitate communication with the trans-Mississippi department.

1      SECTION 1. *The Congress of the Confederate States of America do*  
2      *enact*, That the President be, and he is hereby, authorized, by  
3      and with the advice of the Senate, to appoint one colonel, one  
4      lieutenant colonel, one major, and ten captains, to do service as  
5      “scouts and signal guards,” in the valley of the Mississippi  
6      river.

1      SEC. 2. The officers thus commissioned shall have authority to  
2      raise, out of those not liable to conscription, ten companies, to  
3      be officered by the President, to be composed of such members  
4      and such persons as he may approve, whose duty it shall be to  
5      do scout and guard duty for Government transportation across  
6      the Mississippi river, under such rules and regulations as may  
7      be prescribed by the War Department.

1     SEC. 3. The President may detail such officers and men from  
2     the army as he may deem peculiarly qualified for the service.

1     SEC. 4. Such "scouts and signal guards" shall be composed  
2     either of infantry or cavalry, or in part of both, at the discretion  
3     of the President, and furnished and equipped in such manner as  
4     will make them most effective, and shall be entitled to the same  
5     pay and allowances, and be subject to the same regulations, as  
6     other soldiers.